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SUBJECT: NIMEIRI VISIT TO U.S.

REF: STATE 202852; KHARTUM 3713; KHARTOUM 3824

1. ON AUGUST 15, SUDANESE EMBASSY INFORMED DEPARTMENT
THAT SUDANGOV HAS DECIDED THAT NIMEIRI'S VISIT TO U.S.
SHOULD BEGIN IN WASHINGTON O/A SEPTEMBER 17. THIS
DECISION WAS TAKEN DESPITE SUDANESE EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION OF AUGUST 14 TO KHARTOUM THAT, AS DEPARTMENT HAD
SUGGESTED, NIMEIRI'S WASHINGTON VISIT BE SCHEDULED AT
THE END OF THE U.S. TOUR, SO AS TO AVOID POSSIBLE
CONFLICT WITH SADAT-BEGIN TALKS. WE CONSIDER THIS
DECISION AS DEFINITIVE, HOWEVER, AND WILL PREPARE FOR
NIMEIRI'S MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON FOR
THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 18-19. FOLLOWING HIS WASHINGTON
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VISIT WILL TOUR 4-5 STATES YET TO BE DETERMINED AND CONCLUDE HIS VISIT WITH HIS SPEECH TO THE UN ON SEPTEMBER 27.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD IMPRESS UPON THE SUDANESE THAT THE NEED FOR AN EARLY DECISION AS TO THE PRECISE TIMING AND SCHEDULE OF NIMEIRI'S TOUR IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR PLANNING.

FYI: DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT SUNA HAS REPORTED NIMEIRI'S U.S. VISIT TO BE "OFFICIAL." EMBASSY SHOULD TACTFULLY POINT OUT TO SUDANGOV THAT THE VISIT IS ACTUALLY PRIVATE, AND THAT EXCEPT FOR THOSE COURTESIES WHICH MAY BE EXTENDED BY THE USG IN WASHINGTON, ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL BE AT SUDANESE OR PRIVATE EXPENSE. END FYI.

3. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHATEVER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EMBASSY IS ABLE TO OBTAIN CONCERNING NIMEIRI VISIT.

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